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THE DIRECTOR OF
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National Intelligence Council

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NOTE TO: Carl Ford
NIO/EA

The project that you propose sounds like it has merit. However, I am not comfortable with projects of this type being run by the NIC. For one thing, neither NIOs nor their assistants usually have the time to be effective contract monitors. Also, while I am willing to entertain projects that are particularly provocative for internal NIC papers, I am more comfortable when these, as well as the kind of project you propose, are done under the auspices of a line office with their greater capabilities for monitoring performance.

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